

NO FIREBOAT TO
SAVE THE ARDANHU.

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The Police Boat Patrol and the
Crew of the Burning Vessel
Flooded Her Hold.

TUGS PUMPING OUT THE WATER.

Loss to the Steamer, \$10,000, and to the
Cargo, \$12,000—Passengers on the
Ferryboat Westfield Were
Alarmed by the Flames.

Early yesterday morning the Steamer Ardhanu, from
New York, was in flames near Bedloe's Island.
The burning ship proved to be the Ardhanu, of Glas-
gow, bound with hemp, for Bennett & Walsh, of this
city. The flames were then burning fiercely among the
hemp in the forward hold. As soon as this information
was obtained the Westfield, called for this city and north-
west, and the police boat patrol, which went to the imperiled
vessel's rescue.

After burning for twelve hours the flames
on board the Ardhanu were extinguished
at noon yesterday and work was at once
begun to pump out the water which had
begun to pour into her hold. The loss to the
cargo is about \$12,000 and to the vessel
about \$10,000. Besides her decks are bulged
by the swelling of the hemp.

The steamer arrived here on Tuesday
morning from Providence, Rhode Island. Captain
George Walker left the steamer that after-
noon to go to Brooklyn, leaving her in
charge of First Mate James Dunne. About
midnight Herman Brace, a seaman on the
dowry, discovered fire in hold No. 1
and at once alarmed all hands. Some of
his men to signal for help. Mate
Dunne immediately got the vessel under
steam with the intention of beaching her.
He also sent Second Officer James Robert-
son to find the Captain.

As the smoke seemed to be leaving the
hold in greater volume every minute, the
mate signalled to the Steamer Westfield,
Westfield, on her way to Staten Island. The
ferryboat steamed alongside the Ardhanu
and was requested by Mate Dunne to take
his crew of twenty men aboard. The
Westfield declined, but offered to try to get
some assistance, and with this intention
started for Ellis Island.

Meanwhile the Westfield's passengers,
among whom were many ladies, had become
alarmed by the proximity of a burning ves-
sel and grew greatly excited. The women
clung to their escorts and begged them to
get the pilot to take the crew off the vessel
and get out of harm's way. Instead of this
the pilot to Ellis Island the Westfield went
back to South Ferry. Sergeant Mangia, of
the patrol, was notified and he, with other
sections of the patrol in regular. He got
them all on board and the patrol under
way in a very short space of time.

When the patrol got to the Ardhanu
the crew were fighting the fire with
buckets of water. Mangia got four big
streams directed through holes he made in
the deck on the cargo. Soon after the
vessel had reached the side of the burn-
ing vessel the tug J. J. Fawcett, and Wil-
liam E. Ferguson steamed alongside. They
aided the patrol in saving the
vessel. Sergeant Mangia, with other
after an hour's steady playing on the
hold, believed that the fire was under con-
trol. But the flames had by that time
reached the engine's cabin, which ad-
joins the hold.

Had a single fireboat been on hand the
damage to cargo, it is believed, would have
been considerably less, and perhaps result-
ed in only a trifle loss. But the New
Yorker lay at the Battery and the Har-
vey, of Brooklyn, recently out of commis-
sion. The Zopher Mills lay at the foot of
Bloomfield street in the North River.

One of the crew, who was knocked down
by a misdirected stream of
water from one of the patrol's hoses, he
was just about to get up when he was
smashed into the deck. One of his compan-
ions quickly darted forward, and throwing
himself on the deck grasped his companion
and by a fine feat of strength stopped the
progress of the seaman.

Captain Walker has been found in Brook-
lyn, and arrived here yesterday. He was
the man at last had got her under
contract. He was delighted with the work
of the patrol's crew and his own men.

HAD NO BOATS TO SEND.
Captain Spencer, who is in charge of the
fire boats and is stationed at the Battery,
said yesterday morning:

"We did not send a boat to the fire,
and we had no boats to send. The waters of
the bay and the two rivers are within the
jurisdiction of the municipality of this
city, but I don't know of any rules or
laws which compel us to go to the rescue
of a steamer burning out here."

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COOPER DENIES ANY BLOW

He May Have Brushed Against Lawyer
Knittle, but There Was No Trouble,
He Declares.

Lawyer Albert Knittle, whose skull was
fractured early Sunday morning, in the sal-
oon at Gates avenue and Broadway, is still
unconscious at his home, No. 342 Lafayette
avenue, and the physicians in attendance
have grave doubts about his recovery. The
fracture does not appear to be a very seri-
ous one, but the fact that Mr. Knittle has
not regained consciousness is regarded as a
bad sign.

John Stewart Cooper, the ship joiner, of
No. 525 Quincy street, who was arrested on
the suspicion that he caused Knittle's in-
juries, was held without bail by Judge
Harriman, in the Gates Avenue Court, yes-
terday. The police learned that Knittle
had a fight with some one in the saloon and
that he was struck, and that the fall which
he sustained was caused by the blow his
assailant administered.

"I went in with two friends," Cooper
said yesterday, "but I had no trouble with
Mr. Knittle, although I may have brushed
against him. My friends had no trouble
with him, either."

'POSSUM EARS READY MADE.

How Oliver Rice Sold Them for a Fat
Bounty Out of Season.

East Patcoque, L. I., Feb. 12.—Oliver
Rice, eighteen years old, a student at the
Latin School at Patcoque, has been earn-
ing big money from the Board of Super-
visors by turning in opossum ears to get
the bounty. In order to avoid fraud it
has been the practice of the town boards
to demand both the ears and the tail, but
in the case of a liberal education Rice
found a way to earn twenty-five cents per
possum during the months in which the
animals do not breed. Two justices with
him, he said, he was called to their attention
by the Board that they were being fooled.
Rice was so mortified that he got a war-
rant for Rice's arrest, returnable before
Justice Wheeler, at Port Jervis. The young
man broke down and told with tears in
his eyes how he had worked the
game, and said his plan was to catch
kittens and cut their fur to represent the
ears of very young 'possums. He said he
did it to get books with which to com-
plete his education.

Asked if he didn't know 'possums didn't
breed in November and December, he said
he didn't know, but that the Supervisors
didn't. His scheme included wrapping the ears
in a bloody paper, to give the idea that the
animal had been recently killed. Justice
Wheeler fined the boy \$15.

\$500 FOR CLAYTON'S SLAYER.

District Attorney of Suffolk County Offers
This Reward for His Conviction.

Pachogue, L. I., Feb. 12.—District At-
torney Walter J. Cox, of Suffolk County, has
offered a reward of \$500 for information
that will lead to the arrest and conviction
of the person who assaulted William Clay-
ton, the hermit, at Babylon, L. I., on Jan-
uary 24 last, from the effect of which Clay-
ton died.

A brother of Clayton, living in Brooklyn,
thought that some one wanted to get pos-
session of papers and deeds which he had
had in his charge for three years, and that
his assailant's clubbed him when he re-
fused to give them up. At the coroner's
inquest, which was held at the residence of
his wife, Mrs. Clayton, a former resident of
Deer Park, who had been in Babylon that
day for the first time, he testified that he
had been in Babylon that day for the first
time, and that he had been in Babylon that
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in Babylon that day for the first time.

DEVELOPED.

SCUDDER IS BREAKING UP.

Much Damage Done at Orient—Lowest
Tide for Fifteen Years.

Greenport, L. I., Feb. 12.—The northwest
gale of Tuesday night made the lowest
tide seen here for fifteen years. Several
pounds were drained and many flats in
Peconic Bay which no resident remembers
to have ever seen before were visible.
The waters of the Sound broke across the
beach and joined those of Peconic Bay.

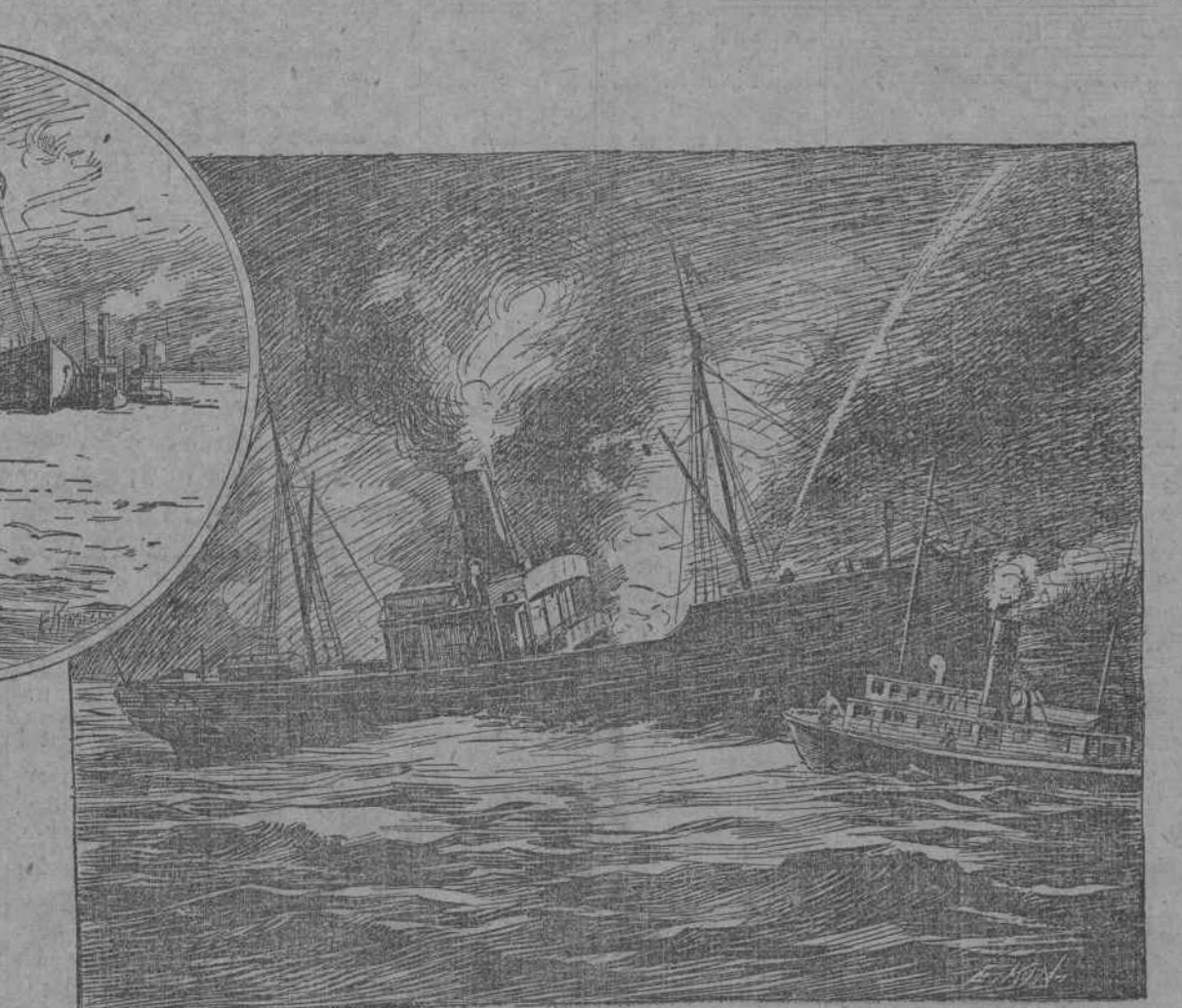
The schooner H. J. Scudder, which went
ashore last Saturday, was badly pounded
by giant waves and is now fast going to
pieces. She is owned by C. W. Eldred,
who was last seen at the age of a cost of
\$7,000. Last fall she was stranded near
New Norfolk, when it cost about \$400 to
float her.

The beach between East Marion and Or-
ient suffered by the gale, a broad
wash of water being driven up the beach
by the Government recently, but unless
another one is built between Schellenger's
and Orient the roadway will be washed
away.

Mrs. King Thought She Had Money.
Mrs. Emily King, a widow, living at No.
62 Jackson street, Williamsburg, was a
prisoner before Justice Laimbeer in the
Ewen Street Police Court, yesterday, on
complaint of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen
Bell, King, of No. 118 Ainslie street. The
charge against the widow was constantly
annoying the complainant and following
her about the streets. Eighteen months
ago the woman's husband died, leaving an
insurance of \$1,000, which was given to her
brother-in-law in trust. The widow drew
all the money and then imagined that there
was more and she was being robbed.

Hicks Street Residents Protest.

Three-fourths of all the property own-
ers in Hicks street, have united in a
protest against the granting of a fran-
chise for a trolley railroad on that thor-
oughfare. They say they will carry the
matter into court if necessary.



The Ardhanu in Flames Off Bedloe's Island.

Early yesterday morning the steamer, loaded with hemp, was discovered to be on fire. Help was asked for, and the police boat patrol responded. Streams were sent into her hold, where a cargo of hemp was a blaze. The fight against the fire was kept up until noon, when wrecking tugs succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The tugs then began the work of pumping the water out of the hold.

TO FIGHT FOR OPEN SHORES.

People of Oyster Bay Hire Lawyers to
Prevent Encroachments.

Glen Cove, L. I., Feb. 12.—The applica-
tion of Charles A. Dana to the State Board
of Land Commissioners for a part of the
shore front and the land under water about
Dorset Island, which he owns, has stirred
up the town of Oyster Bay. At a recent
meeting they decided to hire lawyers
to defend the town's rights. To-day
Superior Underhill engaged ex-Judge
Thomas Young of Huntington.

Mr. Dana is not the only applicant for a
grant. Edward Laidue, of the Barlow
place, wants one, and so does Lewis T.
Dunne. The town will also engage the
services of Lawyer Edward Granwell, of
this town.

An indignation meeting will be held this
week, at which the Legislature will be
asked to curtail the powers of the Land
Commissioners in the matter of granting
land under water, and making such action
subject to revision by town boards or
boards of supervisors. The people of Oys-
ter Bay are very much to be earnest in
this matter, and will put up a good fight.
They do not purpose to be shut out from shore
fronts, which have for a hundred years been
to them as free as the air.

UNSANITARY POLICE COURT.

Four Clerks Said to Have Died from
Breathing the Foul Air.

For some time Justice Goetting, who
presides over the Lee Avenue Police Court,
Williamsburg, has complained of the un-
sanitary condition of the building. Alder-
man Francisco, Singleton, Stewart and
Wilton, the Committee on Police and Ex-
cise, visited the courthouse yesterday and
made a thorough inspection.

The committee agreed that there are
good grounds for complaint and prom-
ised to have the condition of things im-
proved at once.

During the past three years four clerks
of the court have died, the result, it is al-
leged, of inhaling the foul atmosphere in
the place. The building was erected seven
years ago by the city.

DEMAND EXCISE ENFORCEMENT

Mass Meeting of Brooklyn Clergymen Will
Be Held on Monday.

A mass meeting, under the auspices of
the Greenwich Clergymen, will be held on
Monday night, in the Tabernacle M. E.
Church, on Manhattan avenue, of which
the Rev. Harvey E. Barnes is the pastor, to
demand the enforcement of the Excise law
on Sunday.

The principal speakers will be the Rev.
Dr. Robert J. Kent, of the Jewish Avenue
Church, and other prominent clergymen.
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demand the enforcement of the Excise law
on Sunday.

SAYS HIS WIFE HAS A TEMPER.

Samuel Lang Sues for Divorce After Five
Years of Married Life.

Daniel Lang, a letter carrier, living at No.
103 Hartman street, has sued his wife for
a limited divorce. The couple were mar-
ried five years ago, a fact which Lang
seems to regret, for he says his wife has a
fearful temper.

In his complaint, filed in the Supreme
Court, Lang makes numerous charges
against his wife. He says she threw a
coffee pot at him and tipped his coat up
the back. Lang denies all his allegations,
and makes a counter charge of epilepsy.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Canary & Lederer will star Dan Daly and
Marie Dressler together next season. A new
play will be written especially for them.
The Russell Brothers, May Howard, Fields
and Lewis, Johnnie Carroll and the Morellos
are among the attractions scheduled for Proctor's
Palace next week.

Joseph Weber, of the firm of Weber & Fields,
vaudeville artists and managers, will start
on a tour of the United States next week.
Any busy play the part of Nora Hunk-
leberry in the new comedy, "The Girl Who
Sings," at the Grand Opera House, to-
night. Henrietta Crossman, who has been
in that role, having resigned, sign-
ing to Mr. Tompkins by Charles Frohman.

Benny Sexton, of Sexton Brothers, acrobats,
at the Imperial Music Hall, injured his spine
yesterday afternoon during his performance.
He was unable to move for a time, and was
carried to his dressing room, where he was
found by a few weeks before he will be
able to appear again.

The Daily production of "A Midsummer Night's
Dream" at the Grand Opera House, Febru-
ary 24 will be an important theatrical event. Among
those in the cast are Mrs. Dion Boucicault, Ed-
ward Egan, William Sampson, George Lester, and
Lillian Swann.

Fanny Davenport is to play "Glenn" again
at the Grand Opera House in April. Sarah
Bernhardt will be far away from here by that
time, but she is to have offered the im-
pression of her wonderful performance in that
play.

DRUNK AT THREE YEARS.

Little Freda Found a Bottle of
Whiskey and Drank Its
Contents.

Was Taken to Bellevue Hospital,
Where She Sobbed Up in
One Day.

SHE SAID THAT IT TASTED GOOD.

Discovered it in Her Father's Tool Chest.

The Mother Thought That She Was
Poisoned When She Saw Her
Staggering About.

Three-year-old Freda Wagner will go
down into history as the youngest drunkard
on earth. She is no habitual drunkard,
however. The experience which promises
to make the little girl famous was an acci-
dent. On Tuesday she found a bottle of
whiskey in a tool chest in the back room
of her father's flat, No. 421 First avenue.

Unconsciously and as a matter of habit
she put it to her lips and drank the con-
tents. Soon after followed all the symp-
toms that characterize the complaint in
subjects of mature years. Her mother saw
her staggering aimlessly about and won-
dered at it. She asked the child some
questions and form the half-coherent an-
swers learned that her daughter had found
a bottle of stuff that tasted good.

Mrs. Wagner investigated and found the
empty whiskey bottle. Soon after the lit-
tle girl became exceedingly ill, and her
father feared that there might have been
poison in the whiskey. So he hurriedly
wrapped her up in a towel and carried her
to Bellevue Hospital. There the physicians
assured him that it was nothing more seri-
ous than a case of ordinary, plain drunk.

They advised him, nevertheless, to leave the
little girl at the institution, fearing that
the reaction, owing to her tender constitu-
tion, might result injuriously.

Not yesterday afternoon, after many warm
baths and other preventive treatment,
Freda came forth from the hospital well
and cheerful, and was taken home rejoicing
in the arms of her mother.

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LITERARY NOTES.

"The Child-Voice in Singing," by F. E.
Howard, superior of music in the public
schools of Bridgeport, is an authoritative
work upon a subject which Mr. Howard
has made especially his own. Addressed
primarily to teachers, the treatise has a
broader interest for all who concern them-
selves with the development of popular
music. Mr. Warner is the publisher.

Worner's Magazine for February presents
the last installment of the work on "Voice,
Song and Speech," by Lennox Browne and
Emil Behnke. The discussion of the voice
musical is peculiarly clear and interesting,
and the consideration of the faletto as the
upper third register carried below its
proper place clears away many misunder-
standings.

CONDITION OF THE TOBACCO TRUST.

The annual meeting of the American To-
bacco Company was held at Newark yes-
terday afternoon. The report of Treasurer
George Arents gave total assets of \$40,752,
607.50; liabilities, \$32,182,235.73, which in-
cludes \$242,340 as currently divided, pay-
able Feb. 3, 1896; surplus, per statement De-
cember 31, 1894, \$7,138,200.31; net increase,
1895, \$1,402,081.55; total, \$8,600,571.85. The
following directors were elected without op-
position: Three years—Lewis Ginter, James
B. Duke, Benjamin U. Duke, William A.
Marbury, George Arents, two years—George
W. Warr, William H. Butler and John
Pope; one year—George W. Gail, James G.
Butler, John Boerhoefer and Josiah Browne.

COMING EVENTS.

A public meeting of Good Government Club
will be held on Friday, Feb. 14, at 3 p. m.,
for the discussion of the common school system
of New York.

The members of Governor Briggs's military
staff, composed of Charles Phelps, Kuser, Potter,
Haines and Lewis, will dine at the Hotel
New York Governor and Mrs. Briggs at the
Hotel Waldorf on February 20.

The Catholic Club will celebrate its silver
jubilee on February 17 at the clubhouse, No.
120 West Fifty-ninth street. Addresses will be
made by Archbishop Corrigan, Judge Isaac P.
Lafayette, Frederic R. Coedert and Charles V.
Furness. Invitations will be sent to President
Chevalier, Governor Morton and Mayor Street.

The eleventh annual exhibition of the Archi-
tectural League of New York will open to the
public on Saturday, February 16, at the
Society of Fine Arts Building, No. 215 West
Fifty-seventh street.

The Marti Charity Association, which has for
its object the establishment of a home for
sufferers from the Cuban revolution, will have
its affair will take place at Carnegie Hall on
February 19.

A lecture for the benefit of the Christian
League Auxiliary Hospital will be given
at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, February 13, at
No. 23 East Twenty-second street.
The second annual ball of the John-
Barber Association will take place this eve-
ning at Wendell's Assembly Rooms, No. 334-344 W.
Fourth street.

POWER FROM A BRIDGE.

An Assembly Bill Introduced Permitting an
Odd Structure Over the Niagara
River.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—A bill was in-
troduced by Assemblyman Braun to-day
giving permission to Alonzo C. Mather to
construct a bridge, having power
wheels connected therewith, for develop-
ing the power of Niagara River, and regulat-
ing the depth of water at the city of Buffalo,
the bridge to be constructed for the accom-
modation and use of pedestrians, passen-
gers, vehicles of all kinds and other traffic
across Niagara River. Such permission is
granted upon the following express condi-
tions:

First, That an experimental span for the
purpose of demonstrating its utility
be constructed upon such experimental
span to be commenced within three years
from the passage of the act; assent from
the proper authorities in Canada shall be
obtained for the building; the bridge
provided the assent from the Canadian
authorities be obtained within two years
from the passage of the act.

Second, That before the commencement of
work upon the experimental span the said
Alonzo Mather shall be required to give
bonds in an amount to be designated by
the State Engineer and Surveyor, with
sureship approved by him, as a guaran-
tee for the removal of all piers necessary for
the construction of such experimental span,
providing it is not deemed to be a suc-
cess.

Third, That the bridge shall have a clear
span of not less than one hundred feet,
maintained by means of a pivoted draw,
an accessible and navigable point for the
free and unobstructed passage of all water
craft, and draw to be opened promptly
at reasonable signals for the passage of all
watercraft, whose construction will not
admit of their passage under the draw.
There shall also be maintained sheers,
booms and other devices for the proper
protection of and to safely guide ves-
sels through the draw. Reasonable rates
of toll, to be approved by the State En-
gineer and Surveyor, shall be charged
for the passage of pedestrians, vehicles,
etc., upon and over the bridge.

POOR SHOWING BY RAILROADS.

The Long Island and Several Others Re-
port Deficiencies.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The following
railroad reports for the quarter ended De-
cember 31 last were filed to-day with the
State Railroad Commission:

Long Island Railroad Company—Gross
earnings from operation, \$880,655; operat-
ing expenses, \$640,077; other income,
\$97,850; fixed charges, \$270,936; deficit,
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corresponding quarter in 1895 was \$14,101.

New Jersey & New York Railroad Com-
pany—Gross earnings from operation, \$880,655;
operating expenses, \$640,077; other income,
\$97,850; fixed charges, \$270,936; deficit,
\$14,101; cash on hand, \$100,143; profit and
loss, \$85,042. The deficit for the quarter
ended December 31 last was \$14,101. The
corresponding quarter in 1895 was \$14,101.

Prospect Park & Coney Island Rail-
road—Gross earnings from operation, \$880,655;
operating expenses, \$640,077; other income,
\$97,850; fixed charges, \$270,936; deficit,
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HE FOOLED THE CHIROPODIST.

Detective Farley Wears a Pained Face
While Getting His Man.

Detective Farley, the Sherlock Holmes
of the District Attorney's office, made a
clever capture last Tuesday night. For
a week he has been trying to arrest Joseph
Stern, a chiropodist, of No. 1409 Third
avenue, who had been indicted for man-
slaughter on account of the death of Mrs.
Jennie Fortgang, a nurse at the Deborah
Nursery. Farley didn't know Stern by
sight, and had always been told that he
was called at the house that he wasn't
at home.

Tuesday night he saw a man standing in
the doorway of a building on Third street,
and he saw him looking at him with an
expression of pain, and bobbing on one
foot, he approached the man.

"Come here," said Farley, "I want to
talk to you." "I don't know you," said
the man, "I don't know you." "I don't
know you," said Farley, "I want to talk
to you." "I don't know you," said the
man, "I don't know you." "I don't know
you," said Farley, "I want to talk to you."

The man looked at him suspiciously
for a moment, and then he said:
"Come in, I'll fix you." "But are you a
professional?" "I want
good treatment, you know," said the
man. "That's all right," said the man. "I'm
Joseph Stern, a chiropodist, of long ex-
perience."

Farley's pained face gradually changed to
one of great peace, and he served the
warrant.

EMPEROR WILLIAM WAS HURT.

He Meant No Hostility to England